

**Testimony of**

**Hospice Southeastern Connecticut**

**Before the Legislature's Public Health Committee**

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**Room 1D, Legislative Office Building Hartford, Connecticut**

My name is Kathy Franco RN . I am the hospital liaison for Backus Hospital for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut. **I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 5499 (Raised) An Act Concerning Regulations Relating to Hospice Care .**

As a Hospice hospital liaison ,it saddens me when I have to send someone over 50miles away to a inpatient Hospice unit. This is so very stressful for the patient and the love ones at the most difficult time of their lives. Please pass the regulations so we can care for our patients in Southeastern Connecticut. Patient s and families in every corner of Connecticut deserve to have access to an inpatient hospice service in their own area. Please support HB 5499 which requires the Department of Public Health to adopt the Inpatient Hospice Regulations 19a-122b-1 to 19a-122b-14.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 860.848.5699 or [kfranco@hospicesect.org](mailto:kfranco@hospicesect.org).